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BOE RECEIVES BEST OF CALIFORNIA AWARD

The California State Board of Equalization announced today that the work of its Technology Services Division (TSD) staff is being recognized by the Center for Digital Government at the 2004 Best of California awards program.

TSD staff, in concert with Teale Data Center (Teale) technical staff, garnered the award for Sustained Excellence in Technology for consistently demonstrating outstanding Information Technology (IT) technical infrastructure support for an organization.

Over a ten-year period, TSD and Teale have successfully implemented and maintained several major systems, including, but not limited to, the Integrated Revenue Information System (IRIS) – a project that spanned four and one-half years to design and develop, and involved BOE's migration from its in-house Unisys mainframe computer platform to the Multiple Virtual Storage mainframe at Teale.

Together the team resolved complex issues surrounding processing and storage capacity, performance and tuning, technical environment configuration, and implementation of new technology. Dedicated to their profession, they recognized the need to keep the systems operational and reliable. Their work supports the technology framework used by BOE to meet its mandate of sound and effective tax administration.

Accepting the award for the Board of Equalization are TSD team members:

Eileen Boobar, Lead mainframe Database Administrator
Larry Hanson, Data Architect
Thang Hoang, Lead Midtier Database Administrator
Cindy Kadokawa, Mainframe Database Administrator
David Love, Lead Mainframe Database Administrator
Michael McKee, Midtier Database Administrator
Ed Studer, Lead Mainframe Database Administrator
Alan Uota, Lead Midtier Database Administrator
Duayne Wright, Mainframe Database Administrator
Jan Yokoi, Database Administration Section Manager

Teale Data Center (Teale) team members include: Wayne Petersen, Tim Catchpole, Dana Duncan, John Graham, Chris Jonas, Deborah Margowski, Gary Walker, Neal Yoshizuka, Erick Ammons, Terry Marks, Chuvey Mathur, Dawn Montgomery, Mike Neal, Juanita Schultz, Cyndi Seibel, and Robert Jenkins.

The Best of California awards program was established to salute Information Technology (IT) professionals in California state and local government organizations. For more information on the Best of California awards program or the Center for Digital Government, contact Rhonda Wilson, Communications Director, at (916) 932-1321, or visit www.centerdigitalgov.com.

The five-member Board of Equalization is the only publicly elected tax commission in the nation. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District, Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District, Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District, and John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District. State Controller Steve Westly also serves as a member of the Board.

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